

Response
Application No. 09/784,308
Attorney Docket No. 010169

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12 and 13 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 7 and 9-13 have been cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated July 27, 2007.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 1-6 have been allowed.

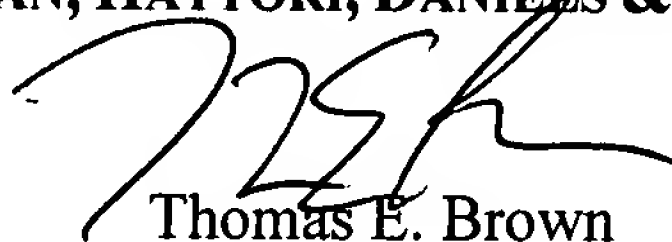
As noted above, claims 7 and 9-13 have been cancelled. As such, it is respectfully submitted that all of the remaining pending claims 1-6 are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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